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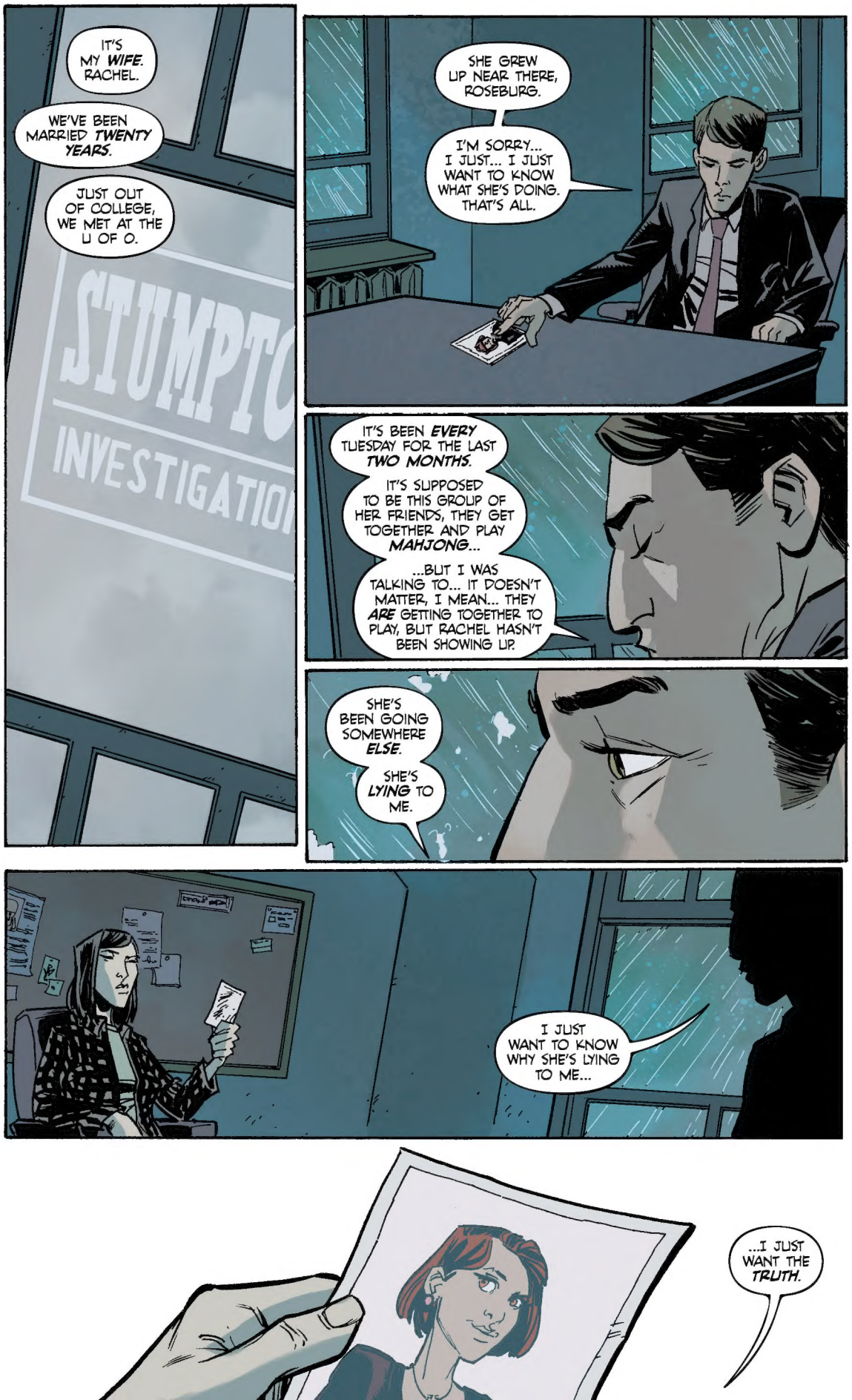
IT'S MY WIFE. RACHEL.
WE'VE BEEN MARRIED TWENTY YEARS.
JUST OUT OF COLLEGE, WE MET AT THE U OF O.
STUMPTO
INVESTIGATIO
SHE GREW UP NEAR THERE, ROSEBURG.
I'M SORRY... I JUST... I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING. THAT'S ALL.
IT'S BEEN EVERY TUESDAY FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS.
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THIS GROUP OF HER FRIENDS, THEY GET TOGETHER AND PLAY MAHJONG...
...BUT I WAS TALKING TO... IT DOESN'T MATTER, I MEAN... THEY ARE GETTING TOGETHER TO PLAY, BUT RACHEL HASN'T BEEN SHOWING UP.
SHE'S BEEN GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE.
SHE'S LYING TO ME.
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHY SHE'S LYING TO ME...
...I JUST WANT THE TRUTH.

OPEN
19:46
Tuesday, November 8

KLK
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KLK
KLK
KLK
KLK
7

22 - subject
9:46 - PALMS MOTEL, INTER
- subject checks in (night manager
19:50 - static, subj enters r
- brought shopping bag
(lingerie?)

DING
DING
19:46
Tuesday, November 8
Jimmy
You forgot, didn't you?

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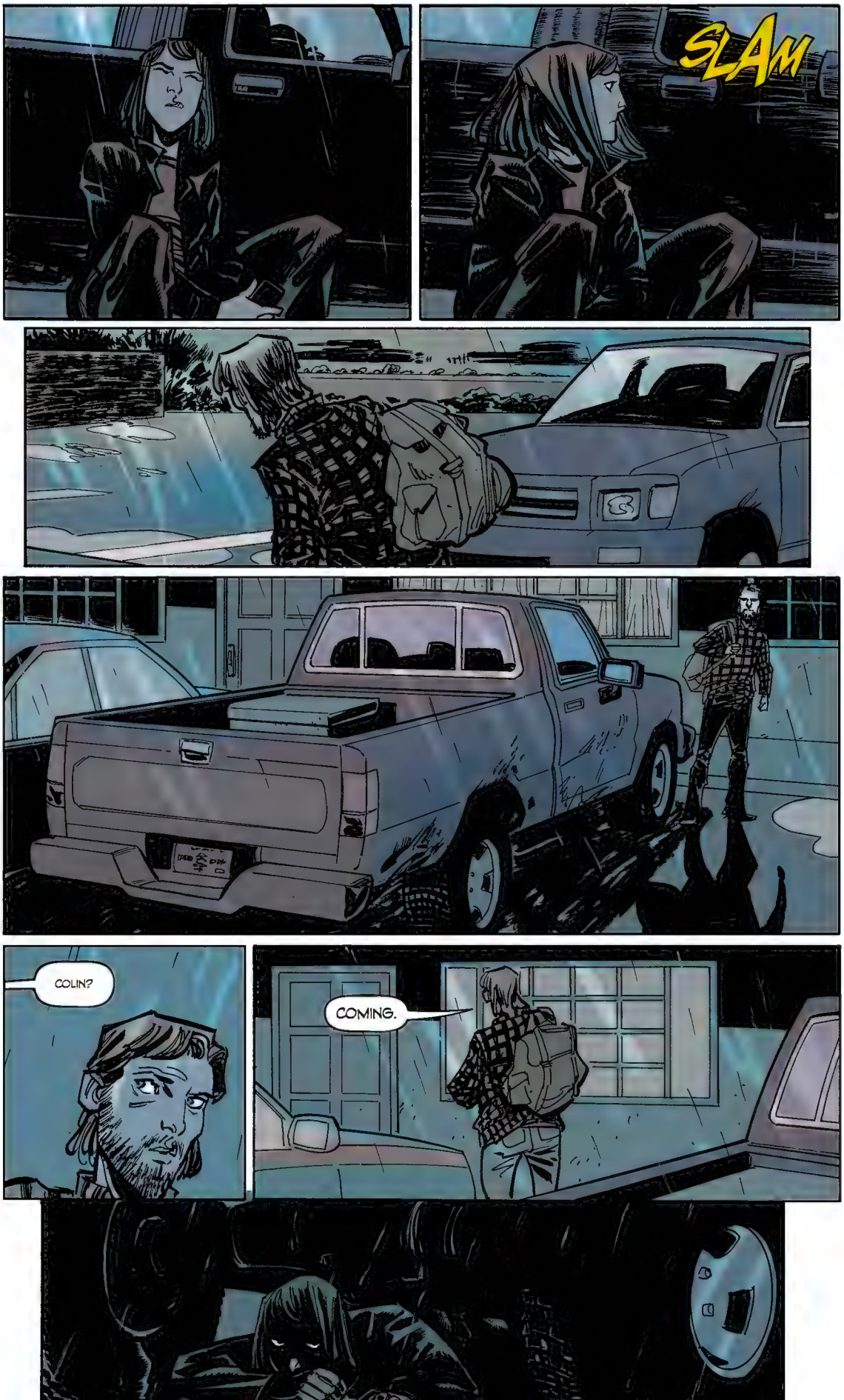
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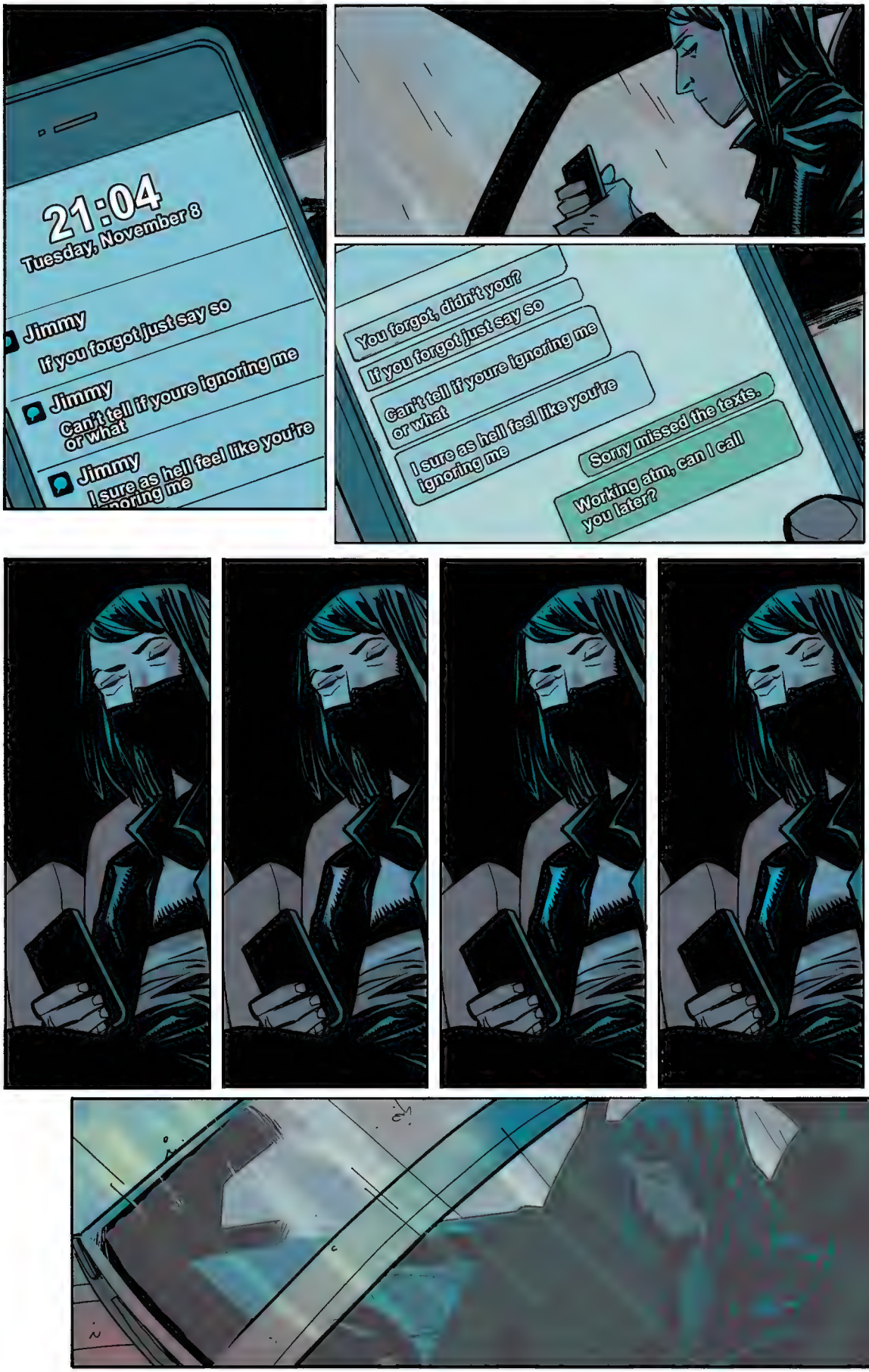
21:04
Tuesday, November 8
Jimmy
If you forgot just say so
Jimmy
Can't tell if youre ignoring me or what
Jimmy
I sure as hell feel like you're ignoring me
You forgot, didn't you?
If you forgot just say so
Can't tell if youre ignoring me or what
I sure as hell feel like you're ignoring me
Sorry missed the texts.
Working atm, can I call you later?

HOTEL
COMMERCIAL RATES
FREE HBO
FREE WIRELESS INTERNET
KLK
KLK
KLK
KLK

KLK
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KLK
KLK
KLK
21:19
Tuesday, November

21:27
Tuesday, November 8
KLK
KLK
KLK
KLK
Jimmy
Nothing to talk about

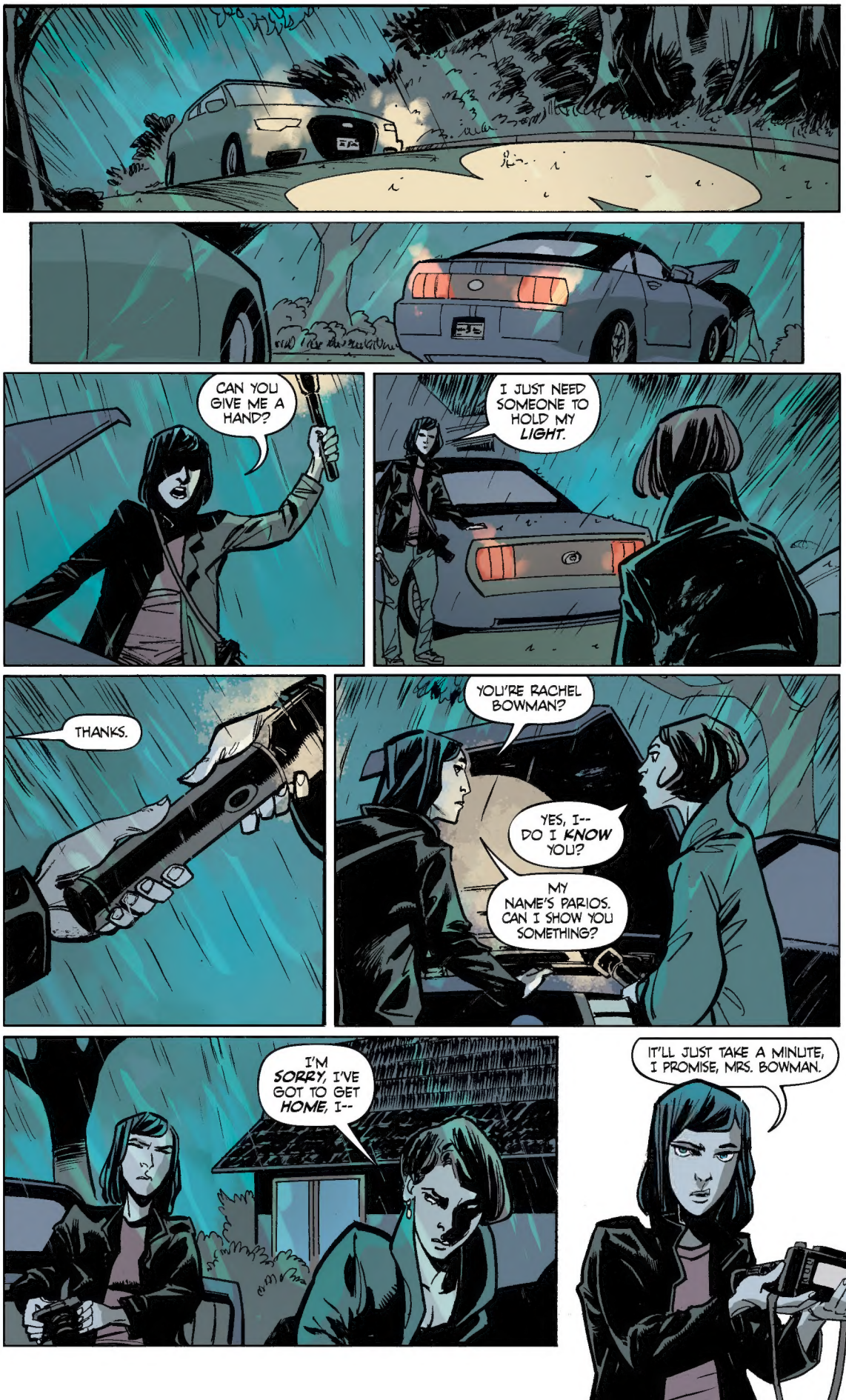
LAUNDRY

21:36
Tuesday, November 8
Jimmy
Nothing to talk about. It's been fun, Dex.
Jimmy
Maybe I'll see you aroun sometimes. Cheers.

CHK
IT'S NOT MY STUFF, MAN.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM.

INTERNET
FREE HBO
FREE
WIRELESS
INTERNET

22:20
Tuesday, November 8


CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND?
I JUST NEED SOMEONE TO HOLD MY *LIGHT*.
THANKS.
YOU'RE RACHEL BOWMAN?
YES, I-- DO I *KNOW* YOU?
MY NAME'S PARIOS. CAN I SHOW YOU SOMETHING?
I'M *SORRY*, I'VE GOT TO GET *HOME*, I--
IT'LL JUST TAKE A MINUTE, I PROMISE, MRS. BOWMAN.

HIS NAME IS COLIN.
OUR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS WITH DIFFERENT HOMELESS SHELTERS AROUND THE CITY.
THAT'S HOW WE FOUND EACH OTHER.
HE'S HOMELESS.
HE'S HAD SOME... DEPENDENCE ISSUES.
YOU NEED TO TELL YOUR HUSBAND, MRS. BOWMAN.
I'LL COME WITH YOU, IF YOU WANT.
I'VE BEEN LYING TO MY HUSBAND FOR TWENTY YEARS, MISS PARIOS.
IF I TELL HIM I HAVE A SON, IT'LL BREAK HIS HEART.
THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE WHO HIRE ME TO FIND OUT IF THEIR SPOUSE IS CHEATING ON THEM, MRS. BOWMAN.
THE ONES WHO HOPE THEY ARE, AND THE ONES WHO ARE PRAYING THEY'RE NOT.
LET'S GO ANSWER YOUR HUSBAND'S PRAYERS.

CATCH UP ON THE WHOLE CASE THIS JANUARY!

IN VOLUME FOUR

TESTIMONIAL WITH...

JAMES

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GOOD DAY, KIND READER!

I hope your summer is treating you well, whether you're kicking back in your lawn chair enjoying a funny book or loading some comics on your tablet for some vacation reading. I'm writing you this missive in May and Portland's temperamental weather is giving me some February feels at the moment, but I know the sunshine will arrive in force soon.

Lucky for me, spring showers are a perfect time for catching up on all the crazy projects we have coming your way this July, while taking in some of the incredible album releases we've gotten before summer kicks in. Chance the Rapper's amazing new mixtape *Coloring Book* finally broke Beyonce's iron grip on my headphones and I have to say, the joy spilling out of that Chance album is kind of a perfect accessory for the launches we have coming your way this month.

Brik #1 by Adam Glass, Michael Benson, Harwinder Singh, and Gonzalo Duarte hits stands at the top of the month and it packs a golem-worthy punch. When tragedy unlocks a family secret, Drew discovers the recipe for building a golem. But does a mythical champion have a place in an urban neighborhood with crime statistics that would make the Kingpin blush? And does having the ultimate muscle make Drew his borough's protector or just another bully?

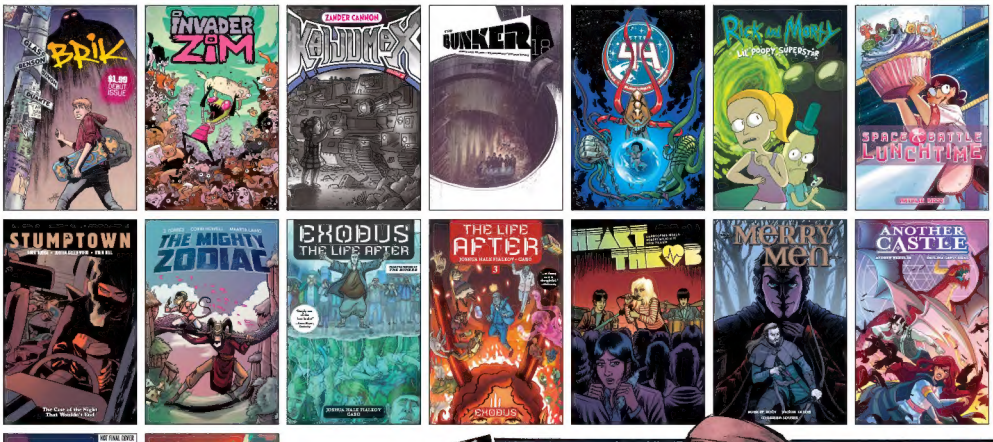
Our other big launch for the month is a totally different kind of delight, but still springs from a guarded secret. *Rick and Morty: Lil' Poopy Superstar* sees Summer Smith and family friend Mr. Poopybutthole pulled into an adventure ripped from the latter's mysterious past. Sarah Graley, Mildred Louis, and Marc Ellerby have taken what started out as an Oni office joke and turned it into one of the most hilarious, surprising, and character-driven comics of the year. You won't believe Mr. Poopybutthole's true origin OR what he'll make Summer do to escape it.

But that's not all! We also have a bunch of different rad comics and graphic novels coming your way! Just look at all those beautiful covers at the bottom of the page!

And that's the wayyy the news goes!

James Lucas Jones
Editor in Chief

▸ WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH



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